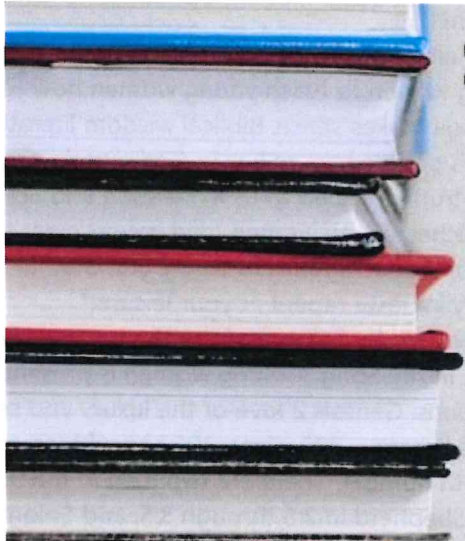


The Grapevine

August 2025



Sermon Series for 2025



Sunday Sermon Series

***Open Book:
Learning from Corinth
What's on the Test***

**Worship with us every
Sunday at 9:30AM**

Overall Theme for the Year: Church Health and Vision

Open Book: Learning from Corinth What's on the Test (21 weeks)

There is a lot to understand about what it means to be a Christian and what we are to understand as Christians. Paul walks the Corinthian Church (and us as well) through his letter, 2 Corinthians, about what it means to walk with Christ as individuals and collectively as a church. Most importantly, we are reminded of Christ being more than the perfect example, but the perfect fulfiller on our behalf. Join us through 2 Corinthians as Paul gives us a "study guide" on how we are to live and how to grow a deeper understanding & love of our Lord and Savior!

Sunday, August 3rd Scripture: 2 Corinthians 10:1-18

Sunday, August 10th Scripture: 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

Sunday, August 17th Scripture: 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

Sunday, August 24th Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

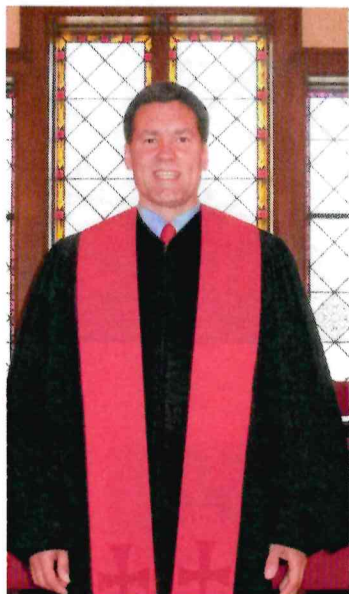
Sunday, August 31st Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

Sunday, Sept. 7th Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:1-10

Sunday, Sept. 14th Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

LPC T-Shirts

LPC has new shirts available! We believe that wearing the shirt provides a great way of both showing your love for the church while also providing an opportunity to share the love of Christ with those you see in your day-to-day lives. Both kinds of shirts are \$15 each with kids shirts being free! Go to Marie in the main office after the Sunday Service or you can come by the church during office hours (9am-1pm) to get them. Cash or check will be accepted for payment.



Marriage

Pastor Will and Cassandra's wedding was beautiful. I loved watching the beaming smile on Will's face as Cassandra came into view. Then, too, it was a sweet surprise when after walking Cassandra down the aisle and joining Cassandra and Will's hands together, and giving Cassandra a kiss, Cassandra's father, Jason, stepped to the side, quickly threw his robe on, then stepped into the fore-

front to fulfill his role as officiant.

I love a good wedding, when there is substance to the exchange of vows and rings, and the couple undertakes their commitments with conviction. Will and Cassandra made it crystal clear that rock solid commitment is at the foundation of their relationship. Doesn't that just do your heart good?

It puts me in mind of a teaching that I am especially excited about and wanted to share with you. It's a two session teaching on The Song of Songs or The Song of Solomon by Dr. Miles Van Pelt that you can find at the following address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9clStVISgM> I am afraid that the volume of the recording is very low, but the content is amazing. I have never heard anyone explain the Song of Solomon the way that Dr. Van Pelt does, and he just really makes sense of the whole book.

One citation affirming the value of the Song from Rabbi Akiva (50-135 A.D.) surprised and grabbed me. He wrote: "All of the ages are not worth the day on which the Song of Songs was written to Israel. For all of the writings are holy, but the Song of Songs is the holy of holies." In the same high evaluation of the Song of Songs, Dr. Van Pelt highlights the significance of the name "Song of Songs", noting how this particular formulation shares affinity with similar expressions like "King of Kings" and "Lord of Lords". The repetition elevating the title to the superlative. The best song. The highest song. The song than which no song can get any better. That is really saying something when you recall that Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs and wrote over 1,000 songs. (1 Kings 4:32)

What is the ground for this esteem? Dr. Van Pelt explains that as the Bible begins in Genesis with the great gifts of the woman ("very good") and marriage in the

time of creation, and as the mystery of the union of one husband and one wife is wonderfully analogous to the relationship between the bride groom (Jesus) and His bride (the church), and as the great fulfillment to which all is moving in the consummation at the end of all things is the marriage of the Lamb in Revelation 19 through the end of Revelation, then God's gift of marriage to the whole human family is inestimably valuable and the Song of Songs is the highest expression of that priceless gift in all of Scripture.

Doctor Van Pelt's classification of the Song as a poetic wisdom song written to teach young women how to think about marriage makes sense. Biblical wisdom literature teaches God's people how to live in God's world according to God's truth revealed to us in creation and Scripture. The Song teaches young women (and young men) the importance of a good spouse or as my grandfather used to say, "marry in haste repent at your leisure."

The song is written by Solomon from the perspective of a wise woman. In the Song a young woman is presented with two options: Genesis 2 love or the luxury and security of Solomon's harem— 700 wives, 300 concubines, and virgins without number. There are two men in the Song: the beloved Shepherd in 2:8 through 3:5, and Solomon with his warrior eunuchs in 3:6-8:4. The whole point of the Song is found in 8:5-14. The woman is teaching us. She is the hero of the story. She resists the temptation of the bride price, a life of luxury, wealth, servants, delicacies, security in the palace of Solomon, with jewelry, fine clothes, skin care, hair care, and makeup. She turns her back on all of it for the ideal of an exclusive one flesh marriage commitment with her beloved shepherd. She chooses wisely and clings to God's design for marriage grounded in rock solid commitment and white hot intimacy:

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

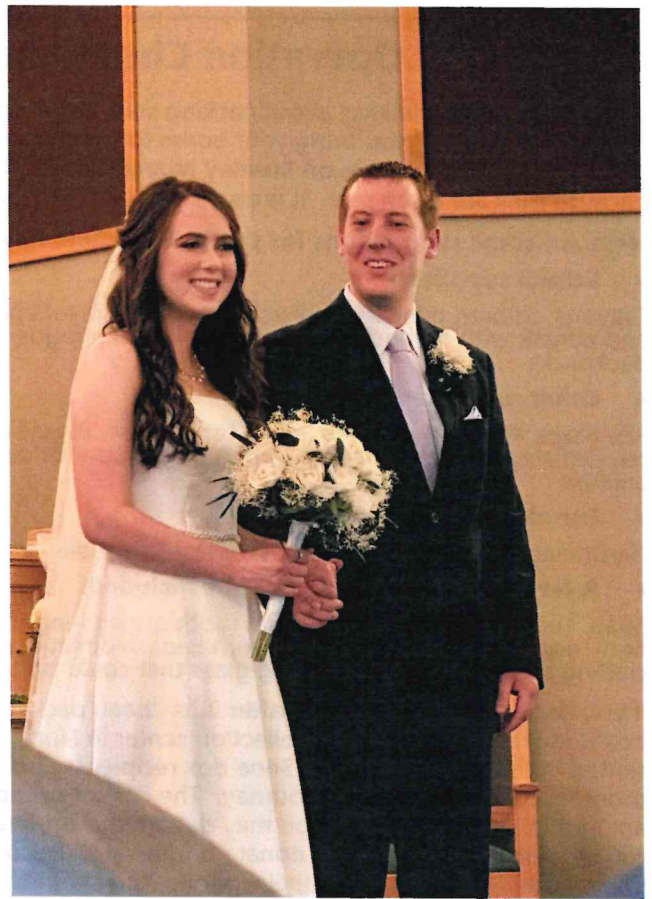
⁶ "Put me like a seal over your heart, Like a seal on your arm. For love is as strong as death, Jealousy is as severe as Sheol; Its flashes are flashes of fire, The very flame of the Lord." ⁷ "Many waters cannot quench love, Nor will rivers overflow it; If a man were to give all the riches of his house for love, It would be utterly despised."

Beloved, let marriage be held in honor by all, and those whom God has joined together, let no one separate.

I love you, dear ones!

Pastor Kelly

**Congratulations to
the new
Mr. & Mrs.
Will McCabe!**



**The Church Family is cordially invited to attend
a Wedding Reception honoring
Pastor Will & Mrs. Cassandra McCabe**

Saturday, August 9th

2:00pm in Waith Fellowship Hall

Refreshments, photo opportunities, wedding highlights!

Wedding cards are encouraged

Hosted by the Deacons

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

It is time to begin thinking about packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The collection dates this year are November 17-24. If you bring your boxes to our church, we will be taking them to Eastern Hills Wesleyan, which is the next stop on their journey, on **Sunday November 23**. Summer is a great time to start purchasing your school supplies because they are all on sale. It is also a great time to start thinking about what you would like to put in your boxes.

Here are some suggestions for things to include in your boxes:

- **School supplies**

Crayons, colored pencils, markers (Preferably Crayola brand items), pencil sharpeners, erasers, rulers, glue sticks, pens and pencils with no business/church advertising logos, small pads of papers/notebooks, small calculators, drawstring backpacks

- **Other suggested items:**

Flip Flops, Personal Hygiene items-Toothbrush, Plastic dish and bar of soap, washcloth, Jump ropes--the longer the better, Deflated soccer ball and pump, A sturdy bowl or cup and a spoon or spork, A plain colored T-shirt, socks, stuffed animals

- **For older children:**

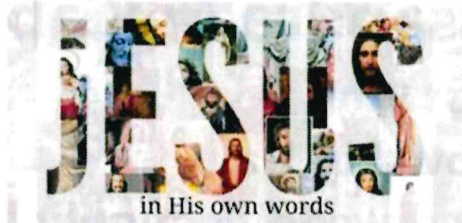
Gardening/work gloves, Sewing Kit, Flashlight-Solar or LED--send extra batteries with the ends taped over

- **A few items that should NOT be included:**

Soap, Toothpaste, Candy and gum (both are no longer allowed and will be removed), Anything that requires an explanation--don't send games or crafts with English directions, Anything that is not brand new, War Toys, Anything liquid, including **bottles of glue**, anything glass that could break

If you decide to wrap your box after it has been packed, the top and bottom must be wrapped individually. Every shoe box is looked through at the collection center in North Carolina. The shoe box recipients receive a gospel booklet presented in their own language. Shoe box recipients also receive an invitation to attend a 12 lesson follow-up discipleship program called the Greatest Journey. The cost of **processing each box is \$10.00**. You may include a check for this amount in your shoebox or you may donate this on-line at Samaritanspurse.org and receive a shipping label that you can tape on your box. If you donate on-line, it will also track your box and you can go on-line to Operation Christmas Child, Pack a shoebox, and Label Options. You should be able to see what country your box or boxes went to.

There will be a table set up by the lounge area under the sanctuary where there will be plenty of empty boxes. Help yourself!! Plastic shoe boxes work great as well!! You can also purchase boxes from Samaritan's purse directly if you like. They have 2 kinds--plastic or cardboard. **The website is: Samaritanspurse.org**. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Pat Gerber at (716)668-2670. Have fun beginning to think about packing your shoe boxes and be in prayer that just the right boy or girl will receive your box or boxes!! I would also ask that if you packed 1 box last year you might consider doing 2 boxes this year. Every box counts and there are lots of children around the world who may only receive this simple shoe box as a gift at Christmas!!



Lancaster Presbyterian Church

Ladies Bible and Brunch Series

Discerning the real Jesus from the counterfeits:

Lessons from the Gospel of John

Mark your calendars for the following Saturdays starting this Fall:

9/20/25, 11/15/25, 1/24/26, 3/21/26, 5/16/26

Time: 10-11:30am

Where: Lancaster Presbyterian Church

What to bring: A friend

Cost: a donation of \$13 for brunch if able

Ladies Bible and Brunch Series

Survey says:

Jesus is: a great moral teacher

Jesus is: a social activist

Jesus is: an unconditional lover of people

Jesus is: nonjudgmental

Jesus is: a great therapist – “live your best life.”

How good of a detective are you? Can you spot the error?

Partial truth is deadly truth. Recalibrate your spiritual senses and hear Jesus describe himself in his own words. Nothing matters more!

John 20:31 – “But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

LPC Church Picnic!
Sunday, August 10th (Como Park Gazebo Shelter)
12:30pm, with lunch being served at 1:00pm (rain or shine)

Church will provide: meat, paper products and table settings, lemonade and bottled water
Each family please bring a dish to pass! Please sign up on the sheet on the Information Table if you plan to attend, or call the church office, so we can plan accordingly for the meat for the picnic. Plan for lawn games, fellowship & a fun time together! Feel free to bring a chair if you would like to sit somewhere other than at the tables in the gazebo.

Child Care (September through November)

- We are looking for 2 adults & 1 teenage helper each Sunday, September through November.
- If you are able to help with this special ministry please sign up on the sheet provided on the Information Table outside the sanctuary.

A special thank you to all who volunteer their time during our worship services!

Final Report Walk for Life 2025

Overall

- The Walk For Life raised enough to support 75% (1225 women) of their goal of serving 1640 women and their babies with ethical medical care for one year and an opportunity to hear the gospel message
- There were around 130 hosted walks nationally
- Buffalo had 32 unique walks.
- An estimated 6,000 prolife Christians nationally expressed their prolife convictions by walking.

LPC

- Raised enough to provide support for over 18 women and babies
- Had 58 walkers with 6 churches represented
- Walk went directly in and through the heart of our local Lancaster village
- Local police and our own safety team did an excellent job, there were zero problems

CompassCare Buffalo: 2025 so far

- 59 preborn boys and girls saved
- 23 women received Christ!

Many thanks to all of you at LPC, for your passion to help serve women and save lives! It is because of you that we are able to see God touching so many in such a profound way!

DAB (Dessert And Bible) Young Adult Ministry

Final Summer Gathering: Monday, August 4th

Plan to come for dessert and a time together in the Bible, along with games and more fun!

The Babcock Home - 871 Erie Street, Lancaster

Weekly and Year to Date Giving

July 13th Gifts
\$8,198
Weekly Required Budget
\$9,866 x 24 remaining

2025 Received
\$233,226
2025 Annual Budget
\$470,000



How to Give Online

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit l-p-c.org/give/

Summer Youth Group Fun @ LPC!

LPC Kids (K-6th grade)

- **Friday, August 1: *Movie Night!*** (*King of Kings*) @ LPC; 6:00pm - 8:30pm
- **Pop-up Pool parties, Bonfires, Bible Studies** throughout the summer! Stay in the loop by visiting our Youth Ministry Webpage and our LPC Facebook group.

LPC Youth Group (7th-12th grade)

- **Weekly Monday Sewing Club (begins Monday, July 7th);** 9:30am to 11:30am; Spots are limited! Email the office to sign up (office@L-P-C.org)
- **Saturday, August 16th: *Community Service Trip*** with Lighthouse Outreach and Niagara Gospel Mission
- **Pop-up Bible studies and bonfires** throughout the summer!

Join the ***GroupMe Chat*** to stay in the loop on all upcoming events!!

Contact Raffi Wright with any questions (raffi@L-P-C.org)



This Month at Niagara Gospel Mission

Our Freezers are Restocked!!!

We are guessing you heard about how we had lost over 10,000 lbs. of food due to two of our freezers malfunctioning. The estimated total loss was valued at \$25,000. Within three weeks of this happening we have already gained back our losses! At this date we have raised over \$45,000 in donations. We also received over 1,500 lbs. of frozen meat and 2,000 lbs of other frozen goods. Praise God for everyone's generosity in our community that helped us recover! We are beyond amazed at how our tragedy turned out for good, not only did we make a full recovery, we also never missed serving a meal to those in need, and this issue actually helped us continue to raise awareness through the various news reports that were published. The Lord has been so good to us!

Summer Feed the Falls

Saturday, August 2 from 11am to 3pm, we are taking Feed the Falls to the streets to feed our neighbors. We'll be grilling hot dogs and giving away used clothing for men, women and kids for FREE!

Here is how to get involved: Donate hot dogs and buns (Need at least 1,200); Donate condiments like mustard and ketchup; Volunteer for set up, food prep, serving, and overseeing the clothes distribution

Contact Donna Stevens at dstevens@niagaragrm.org to volunteer or donate.

Church Leaders Golf Outing

A few weeks ago we hosted our first Golfing with the Gospel event and luncheon for Pastors and Church Leaders in our area. We at NGM love to connect with local churches in our area to continue to brainstorm and discuss how we can best partner together for the sake of the Gospel. If your church missed out on this event reach out to Colton Lackey at clackey@niagaragrm.org we would love to keep your church in the loop and continue to discuss how we can best partner together in the future.

YouthWorks at NGM

Recently, we have had many youth groups from all over the country come serve at NGM. They have been such a blessing, organizing clothes, serving lunch, and working on projects. We love our volunteers! If you or a group from your church or organization would like to help us out around the mission reach out to Donna at dstevens@niagaragrm.org

Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer for the following:

- Our VETERANS in our programs, over 10% of our residents are veterans.
- Our RECON teachers. We have many volunteers who are teaching the Word to our men, pray for them as they minister.
- Summer Feed the Falls, that the event would succeed and that we can share the Gospel with our community members who we bless!



Prayer Page

Pray for the pastors: Gracious Father, may our pastors' messages and preaching come to us, not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that our faith might not rest on the wisdom of man, but upon Your power (1 Cor. 2:4-5). Help them never to depend upon their own might or power, but always upon Your Spirit, Lord Almighty (Zech. 4:6). May You, the God of hope, fill our pastors with all joy and peace as they trusts in you, so that they may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:13).

www.harvestprayer.com/resources/church-prayer/prayer-and-care-for-pastors/

Praying for LPC ministries:

Session: The KAP prayer is to be prayer asking for the Lord's blessing upon and His help with the work of Session. Session this month wishes to offer the following KAP prayer requests:

Please pray for the marriage of Pastor Will and Cassandra McCabe.

Please pray for the details of relocation, new friends, old friends, job change and travel plans.

Please pray for the new Godly family of Mr. and Mrs. Will McCabe!

Deacons: Holy and almighty Father, Psalm 18:1-2, "You are my strength, rock, fortress and deliverer." It is with the precious gifts of the Holy Spirit that we, your people, are able to serve, honor and glorify you. There are specific guidelines you have provided for us to accomplish serving the kingdom. Help us to follow your plan to do this, and not a plan of pride to have our own way. Please guide us in an effectual discernment of gentleness to carry out Your will for the kingdom using self-control, truthfulness and humility. I need to grow in You, my Lord. Help me to be firm in places of disagreement but doing so with a blanket of gentleness in my actions. To You alone be all the glory.

Dear ones, our faithful sister in Christ, Gloria Chaves, was called into the presence of our Lord Jesus in heaven yesterday morning, Sunday July 27, 2025 at 7:00 a.m. . We rejoice in her continuing life with our Lord Jesus, even as we suffer the pain of separation that is born of love. Please hold her family in prayer through all their generations.

Thank you, loved ones!

God bless you all! Pastor Kelly

A Memorial Service will be held at LPC on Friday, August 1st at 11:00am.

Praying for our family

Marsha Haas
Judy Cavanaugh
Jeremy Miller
Bill Stortz
Al Martin
Helen Markham
Carole Schafer
Paul & Carol Welker
Doris Moranski
Violet Chaves
Ron Stasiowski
Judy Martin
Don Flaig

Home Members

Shirley Richard
Nancy Patterson
Dave Breckenridge
Millie Epolito
Jackie Harbold
Judy Kish

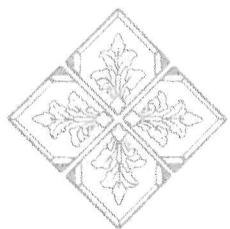
LPC's Military

Personnel:

Thomas Carlsen II
David Boncore

LPC Prayer Ministry:

If you have a prayer request or would like to be part of the prayer email list please contact the church office by email (office@l-p-c.org) or call Marie in the church office at 684-2277.



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For God's glory

we are committed

to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ

in all we say and all we do

to make and equip disciples

in our families, our community, and the world.

Core Values:

We believe in the authority of Scripture

and we affirm

the historic teachings

of Reformed Christianity.

Address Service Requested

Worship with Us this Summer
Sundays @ 9:30am

Childcare is provided.

Traditional & Contemporary service styles vary each week.

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